

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Drawing Figures 1 and 5 have been amended to identify the numeric descriptor “30” as the “CMR Platform”, which is an abbreviation of the expression “Customized Menu Routing Platform” described in the specification.

Additionally, Figures 1, 2 5, 6, and 8 have been amended to correctly identify numeric descriptor “36” as “ CMR DB Server”, which is an abbreviation of the expression “Customized Menu Routing Database Server” described in the specification.

Drawing Replacement Sheets for Figures 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 are provided in the Appendix to this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the Official Action.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), asserting that the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claims 1-11 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-11 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over COPE (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0071215 A1) in view of DELANO et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,661 B1).

Upon entry of the amendment, drawings have been amended. Claims 1, 5-9, 17, and 20-22 have been amended. Claims 12-16 have been cancelled. New claims 23-27 have been added. Thus, claims 1-11 and 17-27 are currently pending for consideration by the Examiner.

The Objection to the Drawings

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), asserting that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the “customized routing service platform” is not shown in the drawings.

The expression “customized routing service platform” previously used in the claims has been replaced with the expression “customized menu routing platform”. The original drawings include a numeric descriptor “30” that corresponds to the “customized menu routing platform” discussed in the specification. Drawing Figures 1 and 5 have been amended to identify the numeric descriptor “30” as the “CMR Platform”, which is an abbreviation of the expression

“Customized Menu Routing Platform” described in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 1-11 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Official Action asserted that the claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the Official Action asserted that “a customized routing service platform” was not described in the specification.

The expression “customized routing service platform” previously used in the claims has been replaced with the expression “customized menu routing platform”, which is described in the specification. For instance, specification page 1 defines the acronym “CMR” used throughout the specification as “Customized Menu Routing”. The CMR platform (Customized Menu Routing Platform) is referenced at several locations throughout the specification, including the description provided in the bridging paragraph beginning on line 23 of specification page 14 and ending on line 10 of specification page 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 1-11 and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. The claims have been amended to replace the expression “customized routing service platform” previously used in the claims with the expression “customized menu routing platform”. The claims have also been amended to describe the

relationship of the customized routing service platform, the customized menu routing database server, the customized menu routing switch, the network switch, and the international gateway. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection

Claims 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over COPE in view of DELANO. In order to advance the prosecution of the application to allowance, claims 12-16 were cancelled, without prejudice. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is rendered moot.

New Claims 23-27

New independent method claim 23 generally corresponds to independent system claim 1, including features relating to the operation of the international gateway, the network switch, the customized menu routing platform, and a customized menu routing database server, the web server, and a packet switched data network. New claims 24-27 depend upon new independent method claim 23 and recite additional patentable features.

Summary

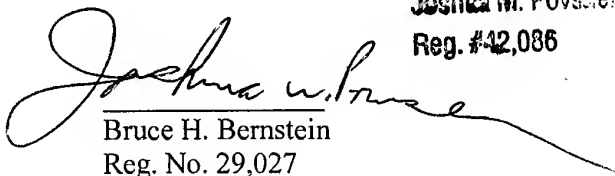
From the amendments, arguments, and remarks provided above, Applicants believe that all of the claims pending for consideration by the Examiner in the present Application are definite, adequately supported by the specification, and are patentable over the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Official Action is respectfully requested and an indication of allowance of claims 1-11 and 17-27 is now believed to be appropriate.

Applicants note that this amendment is being made to advance the prosecution of the application to allowance, and should not be considered as surrendering the equivalents of the territory between the claims prior to the present amendment and the amended claims. Further, no acquiescence as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejections is made by the present amendment. All other amendments to the claims that have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Appendix: Drawing Replacement Sheets

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APPENDIX

This Appendix includes Drawing Replacement Sheets for Figures 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8.